

**COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**  
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Steve C. Davis

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on Monday, **April 23, 2012**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:06 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; ex-officios: Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor and County Council Chairman, Mrs. Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4, Mr. Jack Schurlock, Council District No. 6, and Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Catherine R. Windham, Interim Clerk to County Council.

Chairman Steve Davis called the special meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety to order. Mr. Pinckney gave the Invocation, and Committee Member Call led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Steve Davis: "Ms. Clerk, has this meeting been properly noticed via the Freedom of Information Act?"

Ms. Windham: "Yes, Sir, it has."

**A. Mr. Bob Mixer, EMS Director, Re: Curtis P. Artz Award for Michael Lewis**

Mr. Mixer: "Good evening, Council, Mr. Davis. We appreciate you seeing us tonight. Tonight, we have the pleasure and also with a little bit of grief, we want to tell you that we have a hero in our midst. And, that hero would be Mr. Michael Lewis. Now, if you read the newspapers, you know, sometime last June, we had two 12-year-old young men who drowned up in Macedonia. You remember that? Some of you do. There's a story behind that. It's unfortunate that both these young men lost their lives in that particular event on that particular day. What we do know is that Mr. Lewis single-handedly rescued or pulled both of those young men out of the water within a time frame of eight minutes. Eleven-foot deep water, can't see more than six inches in front of his face, enters a pond, what we call a pond, very large lake, if you will, a lake that just took two people's lives, ties himself to the front of his vehicle, and jumps in the water after them. He pulls them both out in eight minutes. The act of bravery is the act itself. The fact that the two young men didn't make it is a shame. A director such as myself, we write protocols to prevent people from tying themselves to their vehicles and jumping in water. It's a very dangerous act to take. He wasn't answering to my protocol that day. He was answering to someone else's protocol. And so, today, we're gonna honor Mike for his act of

bravery with the Curtis P. Artz award. Now, this is an award that's administered or can be administered to any Paramedic, EMT, in the state. So, Mike had about 4,000 people running against him, and he was the one selected. So, good for you, Mike."

[Standing Ovation]

Chairman Steve Davis: "It's an honor to present this award to you. You know, everyday, we don't come in the presence of heroes all the time. We read about them, but very few of us sometimes get to experience the real live people. So, on behalf of Berkeley County Government, its citizens and taxpayers, it truly is an honor to present this award to you."

[Standing Ovation]

Mr. Mixer: "I appreciate it. As you know, we as a service, we try to do a great job for you, and each year, it seems like, we bring something else to the table every time this year we go to the meeting. Now, here's the deal. This is what I'm trying to tell you. The reason you have such a great service is because you have great people like this working for you. That's how you make a good EMS service is by loading it up with great people, and we seem to have done a very good job at doing that. So, thank you very much."

**B.** Consideration of a **resolution** to recognize **Peace Officers Memorial Day** in Berkeley County on May 15, 2012.

It was moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **approve** consideration of a resolution recognizing Peace Officers Memorial Day in Berkeley County on May 15, 2012. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Steve Davis: "I will entertain a motion to adjourn."

Committee Member Fish: "So move."

Sheriff Wayne DeWitt: "Could I make – could I just do this, Mr. Davis?"

Chairman Steve Davis: "Yes, you may, Sir."

Sheriff DeWitt: "I appreciate you so quickly passing this resolution, and I won't take but a couple minutes, but I just thought it would be an honor to call out the names of the nine people in Berkeley County who paid the supreme sacrifice, if I could..."

Chairman Steve Davis: "Be honored."

Sheriff DeWitt: "...and the departments for which they worked. The first would be Warren C. Guerry, Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, 1946; John Fleetwood Dennis, Bonneau Police Department, February of 1957; a friend of mine Harvey Middletown, Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, May 1975; Joshua L. Milligan, St. Stephen Police Department, January 1990;

Frank Wilkinson, Jr., Department of Defense – Naval Weapons Station, December 1993; Kenneth J. Johnson, South Carolina Highway Patrol, July 2002; Marion E. Wright, III, Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office, November 2002; Lonnie M. Wells, Moncks Corner Police Department, March 2007; and Marcus D. Stiles, Moncks Corner Police Department, March 2007. And, I appreciate you passing the resolution. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Steve Davis: “Thank you, Sheriff. I will now re-entertain a motion.”

It was moved by Committee Member Fish and seconded by Committee Member Pinckney to **adjourn** the Special Meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

May 14, 2012  
Date Approved

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Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor, ex officio

A **special meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on **Monday, April 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

**AGENDA**

*In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.*

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

- A. Mr. Bob Mixter, EMS Director, Re: Curtis P. Artz Award for Michael Lewis.**
- B. Consideration of a Resolution to recognize Peace Officer's Memorial Day in Berkeley County on May 15, 2012.**

April 18, 2012  
S/Catherine R. Windham  
Interim Clerk of County Council